

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original) A fuel vapor storage canister comprising:

a canister having a vapor storage chamber of variable volume;

a partition that is movable within the canister and which partially defines the vapor storage chamber;

a vapor adsorbing material in the vapor storage chamber; and

a volume compensator comprising a spring having at least three legs that are deflected by and exert pressure against the movable partition to control the volume of the vapor storage chamber.

Claim 2 (Original) A fuel vapor storage canister as claimed in claim 1, wherein the legs of the spring are spaced apart to exert balanced pressure against the partition.

Claim 3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Currently amended) A fuel vapor storage canister as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the spring~~ said at least three legs comprises a first pair of opposing legs and a second pair of opposing legs, wherein the first pair of opposing legs possesses a first spring rate and the second pair of opposing legs possesses a second spring rate.

Claim 5 (Original) A fuel vapor storage canister as claimed in claim 1, wherein the spring is formed from a unitary member.

Claims 6-8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Currently amended) A method of assembling a fuel vapor storage canister comprising the steps of:

providing a canister having a vapor storage chamber of variable volume;

providing a partition that is movable within the canister and which partially defines the vapor storage chamber;

providing a vapor adsorbing material in the vapor storage chamber;

providing a volume compensator comprising a spring having at least three legs; and

positioning the spring inside the canister ~~but outside of the vapor storage chamber~~ such that ~~the legs of the spring are~~ is deflected by and exerts pressure against the movable partition to control the volume of the vapor storage chamber.

Claims 10-15 (Cancelled).

Claim 16 (New) A fuel vapor storage canister as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least three legs comprise a first pair of opposing legs and a second pair of opposing legs.

Claim 17 (New) A fuel vapor storage canister comprising:

a canister having a vapor storage chamber of variable volume;

a partition that is movable within the canister and which partially defines the vapor storage chamber;

a vapor adsorbing material in the vapor storage chamber; and

a volume compensator comprising first and second band springs each having a pair of opposing legs, the first and second band springs being angularly offset from one another to exert balanced pressure against the partition.